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MILDENHALL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Mildenhall
in the County of West Suffolk for the year ended the 31st of
December, 1967

Public Health Department,

Severals House,

Newmarket.

June, 1968.

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Rural District of Mildenhall

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1967.

The Birth Rate, as in previous years, was appreciably higher than that for the country as a whole.

The Death Rate was very much lower than that for England and Wales.

The Infant Mortality Rate or deaths of infants under one year of age was much lower than the national average.

The three vital statistics which indicate an exceptionally satisfactory state of public health are, of course, influenced favourably by the high proportion of healthy young married service personnel in the District.

The incidence of Infectious Disease, which was of a mild nature, was generally low.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me in compiling the report by the Public Health Inspector, the Clerk of the Council and the Engineer and Surveyor.

My thanks are also offered to the Chairman and all members of the Public Health Committee for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A. FARNILL MORGAN.

Medical Officer of Health

Public Health Officers of the Authority - 1967

(a) MEDICAL. One part-time Medical Officer of Health.

A. Farnill Morgan, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.,
L.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Durham). Cert. Mental
Deficiency and Allied Subjects (London).

This Officer does not engage in private
practice but holds in addition the
following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health: Newmarket U.D.C.
Haverhill U.D.C.
Clare R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical
Officer: West Suffolk C.C.

Appointed April, 1960.

(b) OTHER. One Public Health Inspector

E. Banks, Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.,
Cert. Inspector of Meat and Other Food.
Cert. R.S.I.

Appointed April, 1947.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillor T. S. Baldwin, Chairman.
" Rev. F. Eley, Vice-Chairman.
" Mrs. A. M. Barclay.
" F. L. Dennett.
" H. M. Black.
" Mrs. E. A. E. Carter.
" L. R. Ford.
" T. A. Hagger.
" H. J. Kidd.
" B. A. M. Lingwood.
" W. J. Lock.
" S. Marston.
" W. G. Moatt.
" R. Morley.
" W. H. Morley.
" E. G. Plumpton.
" T. W. Taylor.
" W. Taylor.

Mr. F. Dannatt, Clerk of the Council.

Mr. E. W. E. Hall, C.Eng., M.I.Mun.E., A.R.I.C.S., M.R.S.H.,
Engineer and Surveyor.

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SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

1. General Statistics 1967 - R.G.'s estimate of population 28,930.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS

										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	209	275	484
Illegitimate	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	11	24
Total										222	286	508
Live birth rate per 1,000 population												17.6
Corrected birth rate (comp. factor 1.06)												18.6
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)												17.2
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births												4.7

STILL BIRTHS

										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	4	4
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Total										-	6	6
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths												11.7
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)												14.8

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	209	279	488
Illegitimate	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	26
Total										222	292	514

DEATHS

										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Death rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	75	160
Corrected death rate (comp. factor 1.54)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			5.5
Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			8.5
												11.2

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age.

										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
Illegitimate	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Total										5	2	7

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			13.8
" " " " " " " " (England and Wales)												18.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births												14.5
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " "												-

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE.

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births...			11.8
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE.

Death under 1 week per 1,000 total live births			11.8
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE.

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	23.3
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MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Number of deaths (including abortion)			NIL
Death rate per 1,000 total live and still births...			NIL

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths that occurred during 1967 and comparable figures for 1966.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	1	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	3	1	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	10	4	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	3	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	1	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	6	4	8
15. Leukaemia	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	2	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10	8	12	13
18. Coronary diseases, angina	15	24	12	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	3	-
20. Other heart disease	7	10	12	10
21. Other circulatory disease	3	-	2	-
22. Influenza	1	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	3	4	5	2
24. Bronchitis	6	5	1	-
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	2	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	1	-	-	-
28. Nephritis, nephrosis	-	-	1	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1	-	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	6	4	11
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	8	1	1
34. All other accidents	2	2	3	3
35. Suicide	-	1	2	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
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	85	96	75	71
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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY SERVICES. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem. Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are requested.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services since July, 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D. A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics at the following centres in the Mildenhall District.

Beck Row	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Wednesday.
Brandon	Church Institute	2nd and 4th Tuesday.
Lakenheath	Peace Memorial Hall	4th Thursday.
Mildenhall	Bunbury Rooms	Every Friday.

Outpatients clinics are held at Newmarket General Hospital as follows:-

Monday	Anti-Coag Clinic	Dr. Dean	2.00.p.m.	
	Thoracic Surgery	Mr. Milstein or Mr. Parish	10.00.a.m.	2nd and 4th Monday each month.
	Audiometry	Mr. Bailey	2.00.p.m.	Alternate Mondays.
	Cardiac	Dr. Fleming	10.00.a.m.	3rd Monday
		Dr. D.W. Evans	9.45.a.m.	
	E.N.T.	Mr. Wilsdon	2.00.p.m.	
	Gynaecological	Mr. Lloyd	2.00.p.m.	Alternate
	Surgical Appliances	Mr. Ockendon	11.00.a.m.	Alternate
	Orthopaedic	Mr. Jamieson	10.30.a.m.	
Tuesday	Orthopaedic	Mr. Mangnall	10.30.a.m.	
	Plaster Clinic	Mr. Jamieson	2.00.p.m.	
	Surgical	Mr. Tagart	9.15.a.m.	
	Ophthalmic	Mr. Monckton	2.00.p.m.	
	Orthoptist	Miss Lewry	10.00.a.m. and 2.00.p.m.	
	Medical	Dr. Arden Jones	2.00.p.m.	
	Ante-Natal	Registrar	2.00.p.m.	
	Ante-Natal	Mr. Hesketh	10.00.a.m.	
Wednesday	Geriatric	Dr. Davison	a.m.	
	Physical Medicine	Dr. Fell	9.30.a.m.	
	Paediatric	Dr. Gairdner	9.30.a.m.	1st & 3rd Wed. each month
	Medical	Dr. Arden Jones	2.00.p.m.	
	Dental Oral	Mr. Varley	2.00.p.m.	Alternate
Thursday	Neurology	Dr. Yealland	10.00.a.m.	
	Ante Natal	Registrar	10.00.a.m.	
	Surgical	Mr. Williams	10.00.a.m.	
	Dermatology	Dr. Rook	9.15.a.m.	
	Chest	Dr. Hay	2.00.p.m.	
	Medical	Dr. Evans	2.00.p.m.	
	Physiotherapy	Mr. Jamieson	2.00.p.m.	Physio. except 4th Thursday
Friday	Anti-Coag. Clinic	Dr. Dean	2.00.p.m.	
	Gynaecological	Mr. Hesketh	9.30.a.m.	
	Ophthalmic	Mr. Monckton	10.00.a.m.	
	Orthopaedic	Mr. Jamieson	2.00.p.m.	
	Surgical	Mr. Tagart	9.15.a.m.	
	Geriatric	Dr. Hyams	p.m.	
Saturday	Orthopaedic	Mr. Jamieson	10.15.a.m.	alternate Saturdays
	Children			

(e) HOSPITALS. Of the 508 live births in 1967 to Mildenhall residents 129 took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

Of the 160 deaths, 75 occurred outside the District (69 in Hospitals)

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and other diseases notified during the year:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Measles	50	39
Erysipelas	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	2
Pneumonia	2	-
Scarlet Fever	2	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	2
Meningococcal infection	2	1
<u>TOTAL 105</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Pulmonary	1	1	2	-	2	1	6	7	4
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	3	-	1	1	-	2

Ages of Cases notified during 1967

Pulmonary - 1 male 48 years

Mortality. There was one death from tuberculosis during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
1. Cases at commencement 1967	12	14	4	4	34
2. First notified during 1967	1	-	-	-	1
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	1	-	-	-	1
5. Cases removed from Register	-	-	-	1	1
6. Remaining at 31.12.67.	14	14	4	3	35

To: The Chairman and Councillors of
the Rural District of Mildenhall.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report dealing with the
sanitary circumstances of the District for the year
1967.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Clerk of
the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, and their res-
pective staffs, for the help afforded me in compiling
the report.

Yours obedient servant,

E. BANKS.

Public Health Inspector.

SECTION D

Sanitary circumstances of the area

Water supply of the District. Particulars regarding the water supply of the District is now the subject of a special report which is forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government by the Water Engineer to the Ely, Mildenhall and Newmarket Water Board.

A summary of chemical characteristics of water supplied by the Board is given in the following table.

(In parts per million)

SOURCE	p.H.	HARDNESS			FLUORIDES
		Perm	Temp	TOTAL	
Brandon	7.4	30	150	180	Less than 0.10
Eriswell No. 2	7.5	30	165	195	0.25
Eriswell No. 2	7.4	25	155	180	Less than 0.10
Moulton	7.2	70	235	305	Less than 0.10
Tuddenham	7.4	40	185	225	0.20
Beck Row (Part)	7.1	95	255	350	Less than 0.10

Routine water samples are taken monthly from the Bore Holes by the Water Board for Bacteriological examination and once a year for Chemical Analysis.

Various water samples are also taken by the Local Authority's Public Health Department as shown by the undermentioned table.

SAMPLE	Main Supplies		Private Supplies		TOTAL
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	
Bacteriological	43	2	35	1	81
Chemical	0	0	0	0	0

The three recorded unsatisfactory samples showed a very minor degree of pollution and subsequent samples were found to be satisfactory in all cases.

It is worthy of recording that an Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, during a routine inspection of a milk production unit, ascertained that the private water supply in use was polluted. Subsequent water samples taken by the Public Health Inspector indicated that the water supply from the bore was satisfactory, and it was concluded that the source of the pollution was either the storage tank or supply pipe.

Fortunately a mains water supply of the Water Board was conveniently available and the company operating the milk production unit is now using the mains water, pending repair of unsatisfactory pumping equipment, also cleaning and treatment of the storage tank.

As to 31st December, 1967 (1)	Total Houses in Parish (2)	% with piped water (3)	Number with Piped water (4)	Inside House (5)	Standpipe outside (6)	Ely, Mildenhall & Newmarket Water Board (7)	Clare R.D.C. (8)	Private Piped Supply (9)	Houses supplied first time 1967. (10)
Barton Mills	231		231	228	3	224		7	16
Brandon	1495		1485	1471	14	1454		31	57
Cavenham	43		43	43	-	27		16	-
Dalham	88		88	88	-	67	20	1	-
Elveden	134		134	134	-	-		134	-
Eriswell	104		104	104	-	85		19	-
Freckenham	276		272	272	-	286		4	19
Gazeley	165		163	158	5	147		16	13
Herringswell	63		61	60	1	46		15	-
Higham	70		70	62	8	-		70	-
Icklingham	137		135	130	5	128		13	-
Kentford	81		79	73	6	77		2	-
Lakenheath	856		845	831	14	841		4	42
Mildenhall	2139		2125	2108	17	2120		5	127
Moulton	313		313	310	3	313		-	19
Santon Downham	90		84	84	-	4		80	6
Tuddenham	120		117	113	4	110		7	1
Wangford	11		9	9	-	-		9	-
Worlington	140		139	135	4	129		10	10
Total for Mildenhall R.D.	6556	99%	6497	6413	84	6034	20	443	(-36) 310
Totals for previous years 1966	6307	98.5%	6223	6120	103	5762	20	441	(9-) 357
1965	5977	98	5875	5731	144	5420	20	435	374
1964	5798	96	5572	5381	191	5155	19	393	359
1963	5540	94	5213	4881	332	4819	19	371	195

NOTE. The minus sign in column 10 indicates the number of houses with water supply which were demolished.

The Villages and number of houses in each Parish provided with a piped water supply is indicated on the Table on Page 7, but does not include the houses on the R.A. F. Stations at Mildenhall and Lakenheath.

Swimming Baths. There are four swimming baths in the District at the present time, for the use exclusively of the pupils of Moulton, Eriswell Mildenhall and Tuddenham Junior Schools, but, it is anticipated that within the next two years, other swimming baths will be provided within the District, one exclusively for pupils of a School and one, for members of the Public. The water in the swimming baths is periodically tested by the County Council.

Closet Accommodation. Conversion of Pail Closets to W.C.'s during 1967 numbered 39 of which 27 were carried out with the aid of Standard or Discretionary Grants.

The Council do not now operate a pail closet clearance service in any part of the District. Parishes which formerly received the service now have a public sewerage scheme.

Drainage and Sewerage. 3,404 houses, which is 52% of the total of 6556 inhabited houses in the District, are connected to modern sewerage works, of which 473 were connected during 1967. There are, of course, many more houses in the District each with their own, private, separate satisfactory drainage. From this it follows that about another 46% of the houses in the District are thus drained into septic tanks, and 2% have no proper drainage facilities.

the drainage of the 286 new houses provided in 1967 was dealt with as follows:-

(a) Connected to modern sewerage plants	231	(81%)
(b) Connected to Septic tanks	55	(19%)

There are now 14 sewerage disposal works in operation, some being maintained privately, as shown by the statistic table on Page 9.

The Council have a programme for providing sewerage schemes to other villages and the present situation is as follows:-

Tuddenham, Icklingham and Moulton. These schemes, designed by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, were completed and brought into service during the year.

Barton Mills, Worlington, West Row and the extension of Mildenhall Sewage Disposal Works. Schemes have been prepared and are awaiting the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Dalham. The sewerage scheme for this Village is nearly completed and should become operative early in 1968.

Future Sewerage Schemes. Subject to Ministry policy and approval the sewerage schemes for the villages of Freckenham, Red Lodge, Herringswell, Cavenham, Holywell Row/Beck Row and Kentford are being designed within the period 1968/71

Total Houses connected to Modern Sewerage Works as at 31.12.67.

The figures in brackets show the change during the year

This table does not include the houses on the R.A.F. Stations.

	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Hut- ments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Barton Mills	NIL	19 (9)	NIL	19 Private Scheme
Brandon	384 (23)	923 (18)	2	1309 Public Scheme
Cavenham	NIL	21	NIL	21 Private Scheme
Dalham	NIL	NIL	NIL	Public Scheme
Freckenham (Red Lodge)	NIL	37 (16)	NIL	37 Public Scheme
Gazeley	62 (8)	25 (11)	NIL	87 Public Scheme
Higham	NIL	24 (2)	NIL	24 Private Scheme
Icklingham	38 (38)	19 (19)	NIL	57 Public Scheme
Lakenheath	205 (21)	342 (61)	5	552 Public Scheme
Mildenhall	521 (85)	458 (12)	NIL	979 Public Scheme
Moulton	43 (13)	104 (78)	NIL	147 Public Scheme
	NIL	45	NIL	45 Public Scheme
Santon Downham	NIL	60 (2)	NIL	60 Private Scheme
Tuddenham	32 (32)	25 (25)	NIL	57 Public Scheme
Worlington	NIL	10	NIL	10 Private Scheme
<u>TOTALS</u>	1285 (220)	2112 (253)	7	3404 (473)

Cesspool Clearance. The Councils two cesspool emptiers, which are controlled by the Engineer and Surveyors Department, are fully employed within the District.

During the year 1772 clearances were made, of which 903 were given free of charge under the Council's Scheme.

There are still approximately 3,000 dwellings in the District with cesspool drainage but with the inception of main sewerage schemes this number is being reduced annually.

Rivers and Streams. The condition of the rivers and streams call for no special comment. The River Authority take regular samples of sewage effluent which discharges into the rivers and if the samples do not comply with the required standard, action is taken by the Local Authority to adjust the condition of the effluent discharge to satisfy the River Authority's requirements.

Public Conveniences. The free facilities at the Public Conveniences provided at Brandon in 1940 and Mildenhall in 1951, are an asset to the District. Similar facilities are to be provided at Lakenheath, but await a suitable site.

Public Cleansing. The refuse collection system, which is operated by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, is continually being extended to serve new developments. There are now two refuse collection vehicles fully employed and one vehicle part time. All the vehicles are of the Hydraulic ram packing type.

Although the greater part of the inhabited areas receive a weekly refuse collection, there are a number of smaller villages and outlying areas which have a fortnightly collection.

A scheme for a weekly collection throughout the District was submitted by the Engineer and Surveyor and approved by the Public Health Committee, but devaluation occurred before the Council Meeting and was deferred until the economic situation of the Country improved.

Salvage. Salvage materials collected by the refuse vehicle staff was as follows:- Waste paper 126 tons, Scrap Iron 16 tons, Rags 9 tons and Metals 1 ton. A total value of £685 0s. 0d.

Clean Air Act. There were no contraventions under the Clean Air Act during 1967.

Eradication of Bed Bugs. No cases of bed bug infestation occurred in the District during 1967.

Rat Destruction. One Rodent Operator, Mr. G. Rudderham, is employed by the Council. The amount of work accomplished by him can be assessed from the copy of the twelve month report which is on Page 14. The main poisons used were Warfarin and Zinc Phosphide. Treatment at dwelling houses is provided without charge whilst a charge of 10s. 0d. per hour is made at business premises and 12s. 6d. per hour at agricultural premises except for eight agricultural premises which are contracted for by the Council on a yearly basis.

The Rodent Operator is required to carry out the extermination of moles and wasp nests as an additional service, for which charges are made. During the year he dealt with eight complaints concerning moles and forty one wasp nests.

His duties also include the periodical spraying of the Council's refuse pits during the summer months to restrict flies and other insects.

Licensed Premises. With very few isolated exceptions, every licensed house is provided with a washing sink with hot and cold water supply adjacent to the public rooms. Most of the houses have been provided with "Central Service" counters which have the advantage of making the cleaning facilities readily available for all sections.

The Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951. The premises in the District which carry out upholstery work, carry out repairs remaking and re-conditioning of articles are exempted from registration under Section 1(2)(a) of the Act.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. Thirty premises were inspected during the year under the Act. Altogether, including re-visits, 124 inspections were made during the year. All of the registered premises have received an initial general inspection. There are no outstanding matters and no case taken for prosecution.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act. There are 52 licensed Sites for caravans on which some 487 caravans are authorised, 11 of these Sites contain 12 to 80 caravans and are provided with main services (electricity and water), the remaining Sites are occupied by 1 to 3 caravans.

The Site Licences for caravan sites in excess of three caravans are conditional on the owners complying with the Model Standards laid down by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

During the year it was necessary to take legal proceedings against a site owner for failing to comply with the conditions, although numerous warnings had been given over a lengthy period of time.

Radioactive Substances Act, 1960. This Act places a duty on a Local Authority to accept and deal with radioactive wastes sent to their refuse tips, in accordance with an authorisation, and Local Authorities are asked to co-operate where this is the method of disposal. Local Authorities are sent copies of registration and authorisation certificates.

During 1967 one notification was received of an establishment within the District who were permitted to use radioactive material the period of the certificate was for three months only.

Summary of Inspections carried out during 1967

Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Inspection and re-inspection of houses under the Public Health and Housing Act.	701
Caravan Sites and Caravan Act.	263
Factories and Workshops	145
Shops and Offices	124
School Sanitation	NIL
Drains etc.	3
Public Conveniences	19
Disinfections and disinfestations	2
Interviews	31
Nuisances	53

135 Informal Notices were served. 118 were complied with.
17 of which remained outstanding at the end of the year.

One Statutory Notice, under Section 27 of the Public Health Act, 1961 requiring an owner to deal with a ruinous or dilapidated building, was served during the year, and was duly effectively complied with.

C O P Y

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1967.

Local Authority Mildenhall Rural District Council

County West Suffolk.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

Type of Property

1. Number of properties in District.

2. (a) Total number of properties
(including nearby premises)
inspected following notification.

(b) Number infested by:-

(i) Rats

(ii) Mice

3. (a) Total number of properties
inspected for rats and/or mice
for reasons other than notification.

(b) Number infested by:-

(i) Rats

(ii) Mice

S E W E R S

4. Of sewers treated were any infested
by rats

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in District.	6880	620
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	310	34
(b) Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	210	34
(ii) Mice	52	NIL
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	802	11
(b) Number infested by:-		
(i) Rats	209	6
(ii) Mice	14	NIL
.....		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
4. Of sewers treated were any infested by rats	---	1 Brandon.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

	Number on Register	Number of:--		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (no power in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	7	2	NIL	NIL
Factories (with power) not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	110	133	6	NIL
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	19	10	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	136	145	6	NIL

	M/C line No. 4	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of prosecutions instituted.
		Found	Remedied	Referred		
				To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective	S.7	5	5	NIL	NIL	NIL

Part VIII of the Act

O U T W O R K

(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of work (1)	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecut- ions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecu- tions. (7)
Lampshades	8	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION E

HOUSING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

(1)	(a)	Total number of houses inspected for defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts.	594
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for purposes	701
(2)		Number of houses (included in sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidation) Regulations, 1935	NIL
(3)		Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	18
(4)		Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	38
(5)		Number of houses demolished during the year as a result of Demolition Orders	16
(6)		Number of houses demolished without formal notice	21
2.		<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.</u>	
		Number of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority Officers. By Owners.	8
		Houses completely reconditioned and improved under Housing (Improvement) Act, 1949/59 as shown by Register	4
		<u>Remedy of defects during the year following the service of Formal Notice.</u>	
		Houses reconditioned and rendered fit by owners and Demolition Orders or Closing Orders cancelled by the Council.	NIL
		Houses reconditioned and rendered fit by Owners and conditional Undertakings cancelled by Council.	2
		<u>Time and Place Notices served during 1967.</u>	18
		<u>Action</u>	
		Closing Orders	6
		Demolition Orders	10
		Conditional Undertakings accepted	2
		Purchased by Council	NIL
		Outstanding at end of year	NIL
		<u>Houses in Multiple Occupation.</u> There are very few houses in multiple occupation in the District.	
		<u>Housing Act, 1949/59.</u> Improvement work during 1967 was completed on 41 houses and the total value of grant paid was £8,682 an average of £212 per house - figures in 1966 were 34 houses £6,914 total grant, £203 (approximately) on average. Six pre-war Council Houses were also fully modernised.	
		<u>Houses erected in the District during 1967.</u>	
		New Council Houses	146
		Private Houses	140
		Conversion of buildings into houses (Private)	NIL
		<u>Provision of Council Houses.</u> A table showing the provision of Council Houses in the various parishes is set out overleaf.	

PROVISION OF COUNCIL HOUSES

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Houses in Parish</u>	<u>Total Council Houses</u>	<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>War Time</u>	<u>Post War</u>	<u>Misc. Family Units</u>	<u>% of houses in the Parish which are Council Houses.</u>
Barton Mills	231	66	14		51 (5)	1	29%
Brandon	1495	385	94		269 (23)	22	26%
Cavenham	43	NIL					NIL
Dalham	88	NIL					NIL
Elveden	134	NIL					NIL
Eriswell	104	NIL					NIL
Freckenham	276	44	6		34	4	16%
Gazeley	165	62			62 (8)		37%
Herringswell	63	10		2	8		16%
Higham	70	NIL					NIL
Icklingham	137	39	6		32	1	28%
Kentford	81	18			18		22%
Lakenheath	856	200	44	2	141 (21)	13	23%
Mildenhall	2139	629	80	2	525 (85)	22	29%
Moulton	313	45			40 (4)	5	14%
Santon Downham	90	NIL					NIL
Tuddenham	120	32	14		18		27%
Wangford	11	NIL					NIL
Worlington	140	21	8		12	1	15%
TOTALS	6556	1551	266	6	1210 (146)	69	23.6%

The figures in brackets indicate houses built during 1967.

SECTION F

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

- (a) Milk Supply. The duties of our Authority are curtailed to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies. The number of retailers in the District was 3.

	<u>Tuberculin Tested and Pasturised Dealer</u>
Wortley, High Street, Lakenheath	1
Elmer Bros. The Paddocks, Santon Downham	1
Bridge Farm Dairies Limited, Mildenhall	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	3

No infringements of the various Regulations were observed during visits to the Dealers' premises in 1967. Series of samples, taken during the summer months to ascertain the keeping qualities of the milk, all proved satisfactory.

- (b) Meat and Other Foods. Regular visits of inspection are paid to the Slaughterhouse in the area and all meat slaughtered is inspected.

Ice-Cream. There are no factories in the area and all ice-cream is pre-packed before delivery for sale to the 80 retailers on the Register in the District.

Mobile ice cream vendors are becoming prevalent and are under observation. Some vehicles which are being operated by persons from premises within the District are kept under constant supervision.

Cafes and Canteens. These are inspected at regular intervals and employees advised on matters of hygiene. Canteens at industrial premises are also inspected for action where necessary.

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Canned Milk	NIL	Liver	NIL
" Vegetables	26 lbs.	Pork	NIL
" Fruit	10 lbs.	Beef	6 lbs.
" Meat	72 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Lamb	NIL
" Fish	NIL	Fish	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
		Cereals	NIL
		Chicken	NIL

It was also necessary to condemn 193 lbs. of frozen food stuffs due to the break-down of deep freeze cabinets in three premises.

Number of Licensed Slaughterhouses	1
Number of visits to Butchers premises (Food Hygiene)	55
Number of visits to Slaughterhouse for Meat Inspection purposes	95

The table on page 17 shows the total number of carcasses inspected and the relative number of carcasses which were found to be affected by disease.

MEAT CONDEMNED

<u>Tuberculosis</u>			<u>Other Diseases etc.</u>		
<u>Bovines</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Bovines</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>
NIL	NIL	NIL	21 Livers 1 Kidney	1 lungs	1 Pluck

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	138	NIL	NIL	508	15	NIL
Number inspected	138	NIL	NIL	508	15	NIL
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u> Whole caracases condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	21	NIL	NIL	1	1	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	15%	NIL	NIL	0.20%	6.7%	NIL
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u> Whole carcases condemned.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration,	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Details of food premises
subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Number of premises</u>	<u>No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (wash-hand basins)</u>	<u>No. to which Reg. 19 applies (Facilities for washing food and equipment)</u>	<u>No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
1. Bakehouses	3	3	3	3	37
Butchers	12	12	12	12	18
Cafes	13	13	13	13	118
Dairies	3	3	1	1	3
Fishmongers	5	5	5	5	37
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3	NIL
Provision Dealers	63	63	61	61	77
Sweet Shops	13	13	10	10	2
2. Ice Cream Premises	78	78	78	78	30
Preserved food premises	38	38	ALL	PREPACKED	ITEMS
Public Houses	59	59	59	59	18
Hotels	8	8	8	8	2
Canteens	4	4	4	4	2

3. Total number of Inspections 344

4. Personal education of Food Hygiene given to most of the Food Handlers

5. Condemned meat is stained and forwarded to processing manufacturers. Small quantities stained and burned or buried. Tinned food stained and buried.

6. No ice-cream manufacturers in the District. All shop retailers sell pre-packed ice-cream.

7. Mobile ice-cream vendors are also operating in the District with soft serve freezing.

8. Inspections have been carried out in order to bring all food premises up to the standard required.

9. ADULTERATION, ETC.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

NUTRITION

SHELL FISH

WATER CRESS

NO CHANGE

